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Salutation Farm  
Near Lynch  
c. 1780's

The land on which Salutation Farm house sits was in the Rasin family for the majority of the 18th century. In 1795, when William Rasin sold it to Robert Buchanan, it consisted of parts of Forresters Delight, Hales, and Hillens Adventure and by the time of Buchanan's death, in 1799, it equaled 385 acres.<sup>1</sup>

In all probability, the house was built by William Rasin in the 1780's as it has some of the same details as nearby Friendship. When constructed, it had a two-part composition with two-bay, two-story brick section and a slightly lower two-bay, two-story frame kitchen wing. The entry/stair hall and parlor were on the west and the kitchen was located on the east, three steps lower. Like Friendship, all joists were exposed and beaded, on both floors. The parlor fireplace was finished with a well-designed mantel with simple classic shelf. The stair was built with a short section of close-string balustrade, with walnut newel and handrail, before winding to the second story. Beaded board partitions were used between the stairhall and parlor and the bedrooms above. Beneath the house the basement walls were built with stone below grade and an exterior bulkhead entrance was located on the west gable. The back or north side of the house probably had the same fenestration.

The house appears to have remained essentially the same, from the time of Robert Buchanan's death in 1799 through Daniel Lamb's ownership, which terminated at his death in 1824. Lamb bequeathed this part of his

large holdings to his niece, Mary Ann Alston, a member of the Cecil Quaker Meeting where she had married John Norris. During the Norris ownership, a frame wing with stone basement was constructed on the north side of the house which covered the north windows and was connected by the original back door. It had a chimney centered on the addition which adjoined the old back wall. With the addition came the introduction of new windows north of the fireplaces on the west wall. In order to match the narrower frames of the new windows all others were renewed in a like manner with the exception of those in the attic. A bulkhead to the new cellar was constructed on the east side of the new back wing. Probably the rooms were ceiled during the same remodeling.

The farm remained in the Norris family between 1824 and 1889, when Mary Ann's son, William Norris had to sell it to cover his debts.<sup>2</sup> Between 1890 and 1938 it was owned by Chestertown lawyer John D. Urie and his wife Lilian.<sup>3</sup> In 1953 the farm was purchased by Arthur and Lilian Montell, who remodeled the house by enlarging the north wing, installed bath and laundry rooms, porch and a garage.<sup>4</sup>

Two other owners followed the Montells in the 60's and 70's until it was purchased in 1975 by the present owners.

East of the house is the only existing brick bank barn in Kent County. It's walls are laid in common bond and the shuttered windows have flat brick arches above bold wood frames. The principal opening to the barn is centered on the north side, which has no other openings. On the south, at a lower level, are stable doors. Two tiers of windows are centered

above the doors. The original crude framing remains in place, although some flooring has been removed from the upper of the three levels.

1. Land Records, Lib. EF 6, fol. 398; Wills, Lib. 8, fol. 24.
2. Land Records, Lib. SB 12, fol. 104.
3. Land Records, Lib. SB 14, fol. 177; Lib. RAS 20, fol. 561.
4. Land Records, Lib. WHG 31, fol. 188.

SALUTATION FARM  
Still Pond, Maryland  
(early 19th)

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST K - 109

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC NANCY'S CHOICE, HALE'S, FORRESTER'S DELIGHT, HILLEN'S ADVENTURE

AND/OR COMMON

Salutation Farm (preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side of Clark Road about one mile  
north of intersection with Route 298

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

☒ VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Thomas Sisk

Telephone #: 301-348-5948

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Salutation Farm

CITY, TOWN

Worton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21678**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 79

Folio #: 838

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

\_\_\_EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
\_\_\_FAIR

\_\_\_DETERIORATED  
\_\_\_RUINS  
\_\_\_UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED  
\_\_\_ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
\_\_\_MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The brick walls are laid in 1 to 5 running bond on all facades. There is no decorative brick detailing except flat arches over the window openings. The brick walls, as well as the frame parts of the building, are painted white. Roofs are covered with black asphalt shingles and there are black, louvered shutters at the windows. Brick chimneys with rebuilt caps are enclosed within the end gables.

All windows in the old portion of the house have 6 over 6 sash, but they are of recent date. The original trim consists of a bead and fillet in the brick section and a single 1" bead in the frame section.

The main entry has a six panel door with ogee panel moldings. It has a four-pane transom and large box lock. There is a four-pane transom, but no side lights. The one bay pedimented entry porch is recent.

There is a basement window under the window on the south or front wall; another basement window opposite has a wooden grille and was originally an exterior window.

The exterior basement entry is in its original location on the west gable, although the gable-roofed brick shed is new. An unusual and redundant construction detail is the use of both a brick flat arch and a wooden lintel to span the opening of the basement entry.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    early 19th

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old buildings on Salutation Farm are both significant because of their age and their unusual architectural features. The very unusual barn is evidence of an enterprising farmer who took advantage of the natural terrain to provide both access to his hay loft and warmth for his animals. This building is rare for Kent County in its configuration and its materials.

The house, on the other hand, is unusual for its small size and its simple details. A title search of the property shows that in the early 19th century, when these structures appear to have been built, the property was a part of a large farm owned by the children of Robert Buchanan (until 1811,) by Daniel Lamb (until 1825) and then by his daughter (until 1865.) The families may have lived elsewhere with this house used by a tenant or relative.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



Although much remodeling has occurred on the interior, some original trim and floors remain. The stair is a dog-leg in configuration. It has a beaded board spandrel and a closed string with plain balusters set about 4" on center. The newels and intermediates are 2½" square walnut posts with chamfered tops. The handrail has a rounded hand grip and a beaded lower edge.

In the parlour the mantle has a rectangular opening with a crosetted quarterround surround molding. The original shelf was only 6" deep with a composite bed molding made up of a cyma recta and cove. Another deeper shelf has been added.

Various kinds of window and door trim are used in the house. On the first floor of the brick section trim has an inside bead and either a quarterround, a fillet and cove, or a Greek ogee and bevel backband. The first two may be original. On the second floor, some trim is plain.

Located in the hall is an early corner cupboard with a four-panel upper door and a two-panel lower door. Both have panels with beaded edges and shallow raised fields.

Alterations in the attic floor have revealed beaded second floor ceiling joints that were once exposed in the rooms below. Also in the second floor bedroom is a simple fireplace surround.

Floors on the second are wide random pine; on the first narrow hardwood covers the original flooring.

The brick barn is one of two known to exist in the county, the other being at Morton Hall (K-126) on Fox Hole Road. This structure, like the house is made of brick laid in 1 to 5 running bond. The bricks are dark orange in color and measure 8"x2¼"x4".

The barn is built into a bank with the main entry to the hay loft on the north side. On the south the barn is three stories tall; the lower ½ story is a stables.

The structure has a steep gable roof with verge boards and a simple box cornice. The gables have been covered with wooden shingles, over the original weatherboards, and the roof has asphalt shingles over wood.

Openings in the south wall are small windows on the second and third floors with stable doors on the first. These openings are spanned with a flat brick arch. All openings once were closed with board and batten shutters. Those on the third floor have been removed but those on the second still are hung on wrought iron strap hinges.

There are similiar windows in the other sides of the barn. The hay loft entry has a wide tall doorway spanned with a segmental arch. The wooden doors are modern.

The wooden frame of the barn is made of whole trees stripped of their bark but left round. Pairs of half-lapped pegged rafters support the roof and a loft was supported by log joists. The center joists have been removed and the loft flooring taken out. Stable floor structure is the same heavy log joists. Flooring throughout the barn is heavy yellow pine planks.

The barn is empty but well maintained.

deeded in 1693  
between  
built  $\wedge$  1693-1710

"Nancy's Choice" is a two bay long, two story brick house, built in the eighteenth century. The entrance is located on the east side of the south facade and has a covered stoop over the door with transom. The windows have flat arches of brick, 6/6 sashes, and louvered shutters. There is a chimney on the west gable with a window north of the chimney on each floor. There is an A roof and box cornice. The entrance to the basement is on the side of the west gable and it is constructed of brick with an A roof. East of the brick portion is a lower two story frame wing covered with clapboard. Also a series of wings extends to the north of the brick portion.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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SALUTATION FARM  
Still Pond, MarylandLand Records of  
Kent CountyTransactionEHP 79  
838TO: Thomas & Laurette Sisk  
FROM: Thomas R. & Joan B. Jaggard  
DATE: November 25, 1975

Seven acres with house; in other transactions the Sisk's sold off the farmland and eventually had 12 acres around the house (EHP79/838.)

EHP 46  
193TO: Thomas & Joan Jaggard  
FROM: Albert & Sandra Nesbitt  
DATE: March 5, 1962

148 acres.

WHG 46  
389TO: Albert & Sandra Nesbitt  
FROM: Richard Carvell, Attorney for A.C. & Lillian Montell  
DATE: September 17, 1956WHG 31  
188TO: Arthur C. Montell, Jr. & Lillian F. Montell  
FROM: S. Sanford Stickney & Miriam Cooper Walsh  
DATE: November 10, 1953RAS 31  
502TO: Miriam Cooper Walsh  
FROM: Neal A. Truslow & Mary Louisa Truslow  
DATE: June 30, 1943RAS 20  
562TO: Neal A. Truslow & Mary Louisa Truslow  
FROM: Title Guarantee & Trust Co.  
DATE: October 5, 1938RAS 20  
561TO: Lillian Baker Urie  
FROM: Title Guarantee & Trust Co.  
DATE: October 5, 1938

Land Records of  
Kent CountyTransactionSB 14  
177TO: John D. Urie  
FROM: William F. Wroth, Trustee  
DATE: January 9, 1891

A transaction to clear up debts.

SB 14  
9TO: John D. Urie  
FROM: William P. & Annie M. Norris  
DATE: September 23, 1890SB 12  
104TO: William F. Wroth, Trustee  
FROM: William P. Norris  
DATE: March 27, 1887

WILL

TO: William P. Norris  
FROM: Mary Ann Alson Norris  
DATE: June 1865

WILL

TO: Mary Ann Alson  
FROM: Daniel Lamb  
DATE: April 28, 1824BC 5  
138TO: Daniel Lamb  
FROM: Charles Tilden, Anna Marie Buchanan  
Tilden, Mary Buchanan, and Robert  
Buchanan  
DATE: November 9, 1811For \$4,057.50 385 acres part of  
Forrester's Delight, part of Hillin's  
Adventure, part of Hale's willed by Robert  
Buchanan to his children.WILL  
8/28TO: Anna Maria, Mary & Robert Buchanan, Jr.  
FROM: Robert Buchanan  
DATE: 1799

Land Records of  
Kent CountyTransactionEF 6  
498TO: Robert Buchanan  
FROM: William Rasin  
DATE: August 31, 1795

For 2000 pounds the land willed to his children plus land purchased from Henry Trulock (part of Forrester's Delight, part of Hale's, 55 acres total for 60 lbs., November 22, 1750.)

WILL  
in AnnapolisTO: William Rasin  
FROM: Phillip Rasin  
DATE: Before 1750

Presumably the lands Robert Buchanan willed to his children.

Between 1707 and 1750 Forrester's Delight were owned by Thomas & Phillip Rasin and Joseph Trulock. Thomas Rasin may have been the original pantentee of Forrester's Delight and possibly Nancy's Choice, a nearby property. Nathaniel Hilen seems to have pantented Hillen's Adventure in 1684.

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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 015455

#### Owner Information

Owner Name: SISK, THOMAS & LAURETTE HALL      Use: AGRICULTURAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 12101 CLARK RD      Deed Reference: 1) EHP/ 79/ 838  
WORTON MD 21678-1616      2)

#### Location & Structure Information

##### Premises Address

12101 CLARK ROAD  
WORTON 21678

##### Legal Description

12.28 AC  
12101 CLARK ROAD  
N OF LYNCH

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
20	1E	215						82	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas      Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1780	2,712 SF	12.28 AC	
Stories 2	Basement YES	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior BRICK

#### Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	39,790	54,790			
Improvements:	70,770	68,690			
Total:	110,560	123,480	114,866	119,172	
Preferential Land:	4,790	4,790	4,790	4,790	

#### Transfer Information

Seller: SISK, THOMAS & LAURETTE HALL	Date: 03/23/1978	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: EHP/ 79/ 838	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
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Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

#### Exemption Information

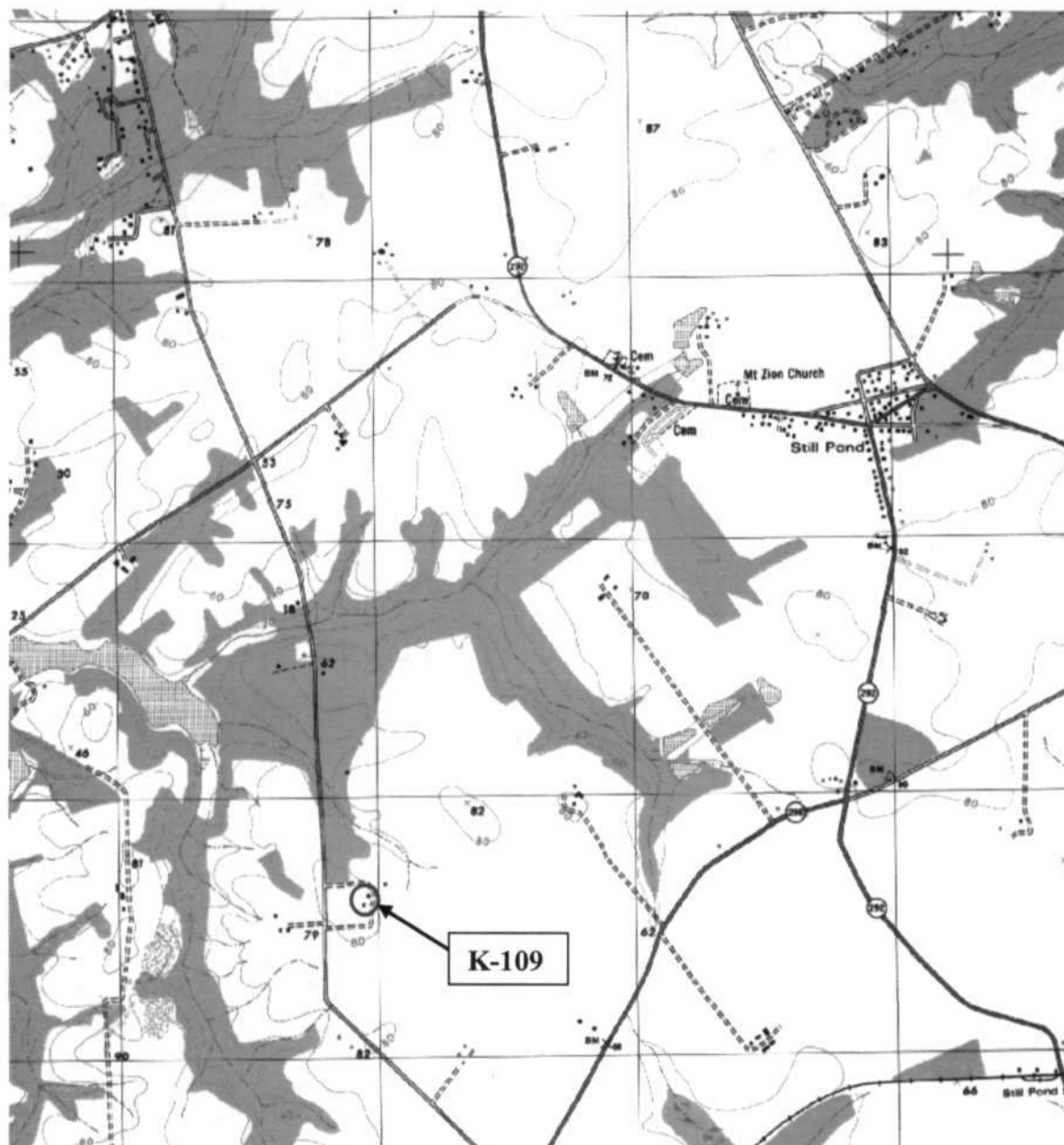
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State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

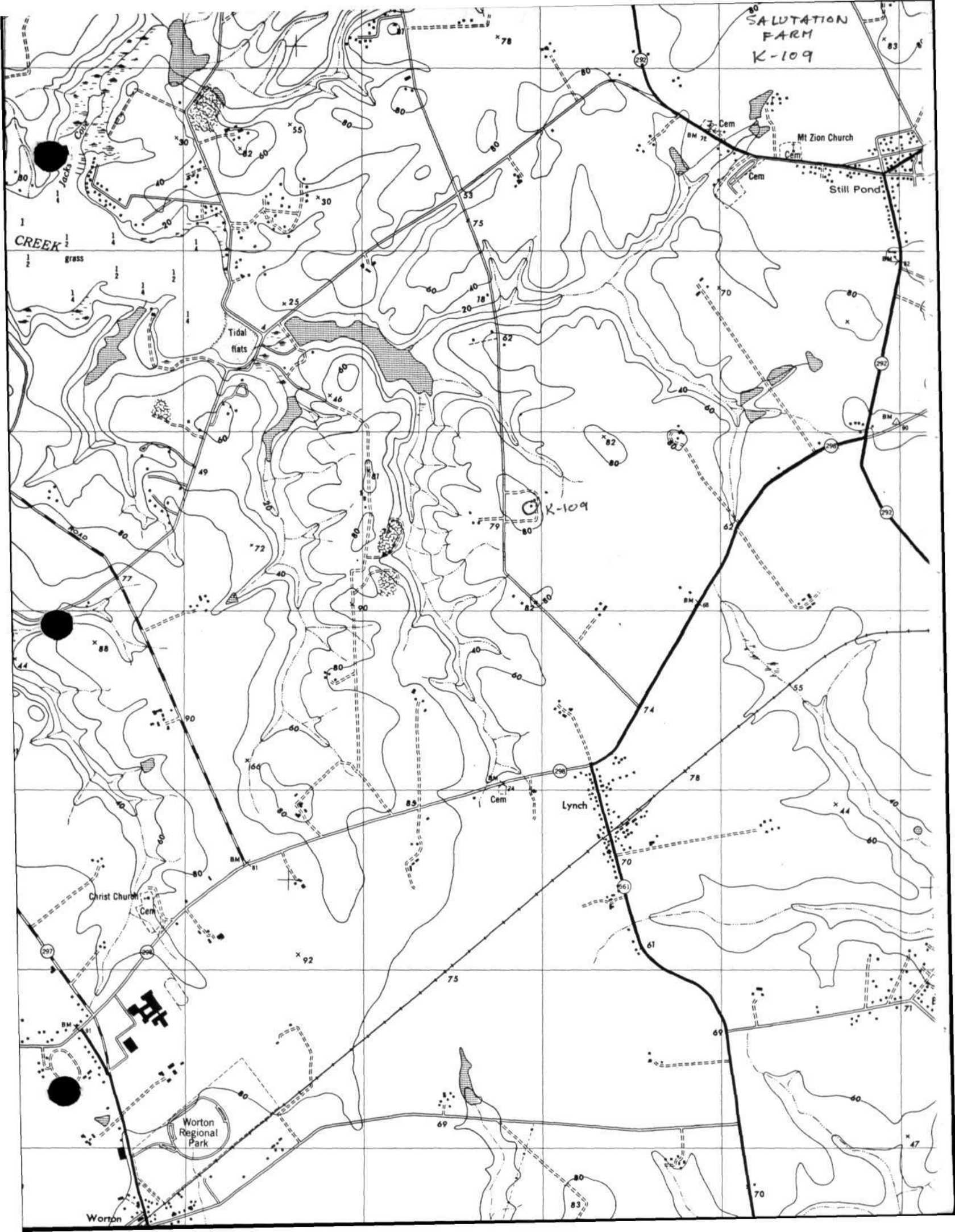
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Salutation Farm  
(Nancy's Choice, Forrester's Delight, Hillen's Adventure)  
12101 Clark Road, Worton  
Betterton Quadrangle







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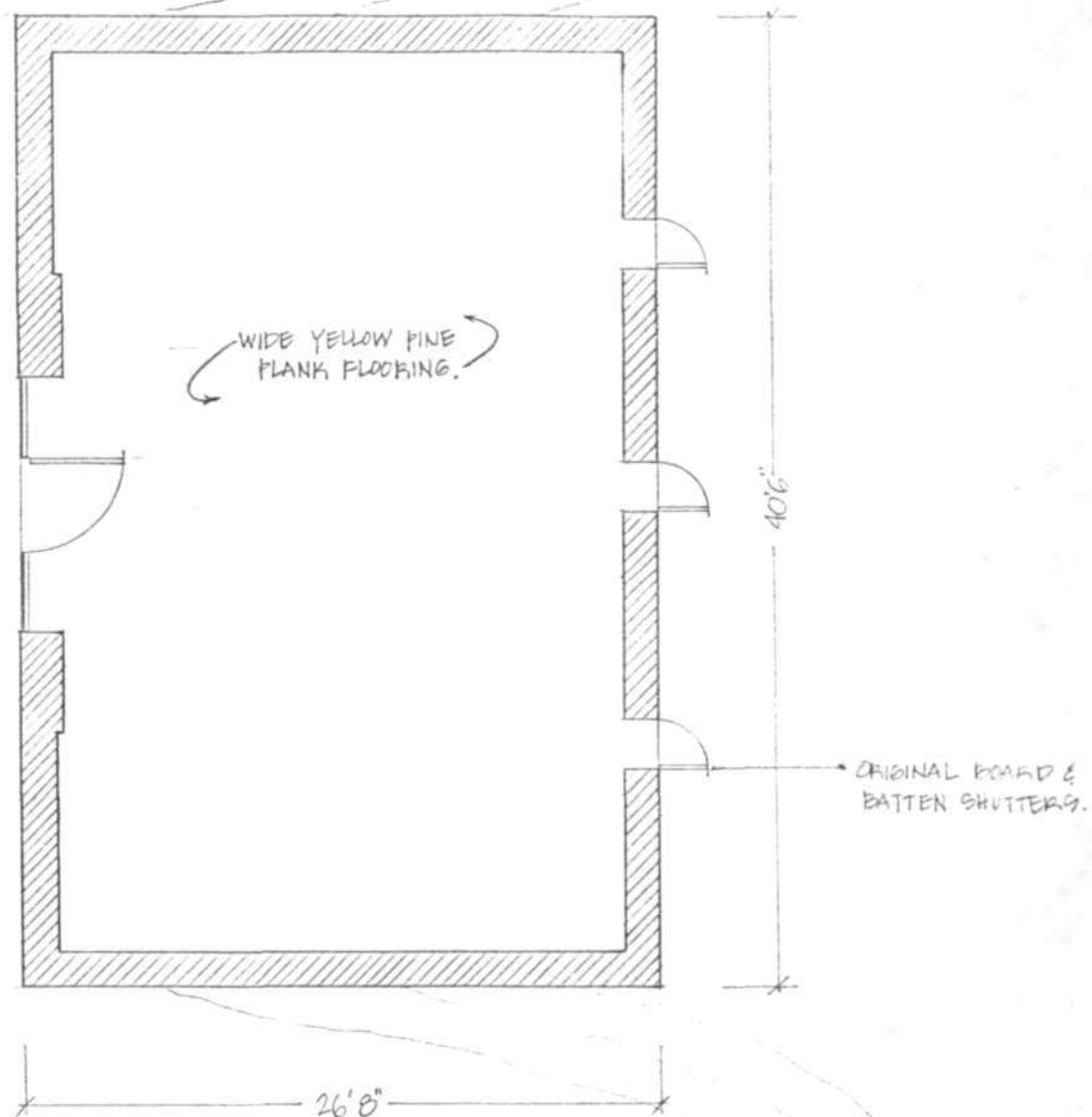
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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Lynch</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Clark Rd - .8 m north of 298</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>barn</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Albert Nesbitt</u> PRESENT USE <u>barn</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>3</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-109.A</u> 2. NAME <u>Nancy's Choice barn</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>18th Cent.</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p>there are very few remaining brick barns in Kent County, One located at Morton Hall, one at Shephard's Delight and one at Nancy's Choice.</p> <p>This barn is 5 bays long and 3 stories high. It is built into the side of a hill so that the north side is only 2 full stories and the south, 3 full stories. It is laid in common bond throughout and has pattern shutters and doors. Apparently the pattern <del>the</del> shutters have <sup>permanent</sup> louvers inside. The ground level of the barn has 3 doors which were used for cattle.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>No</u>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered <u>No</u> Interior    Exterior <u>fair</u>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>Oct 1, 1968</u>	

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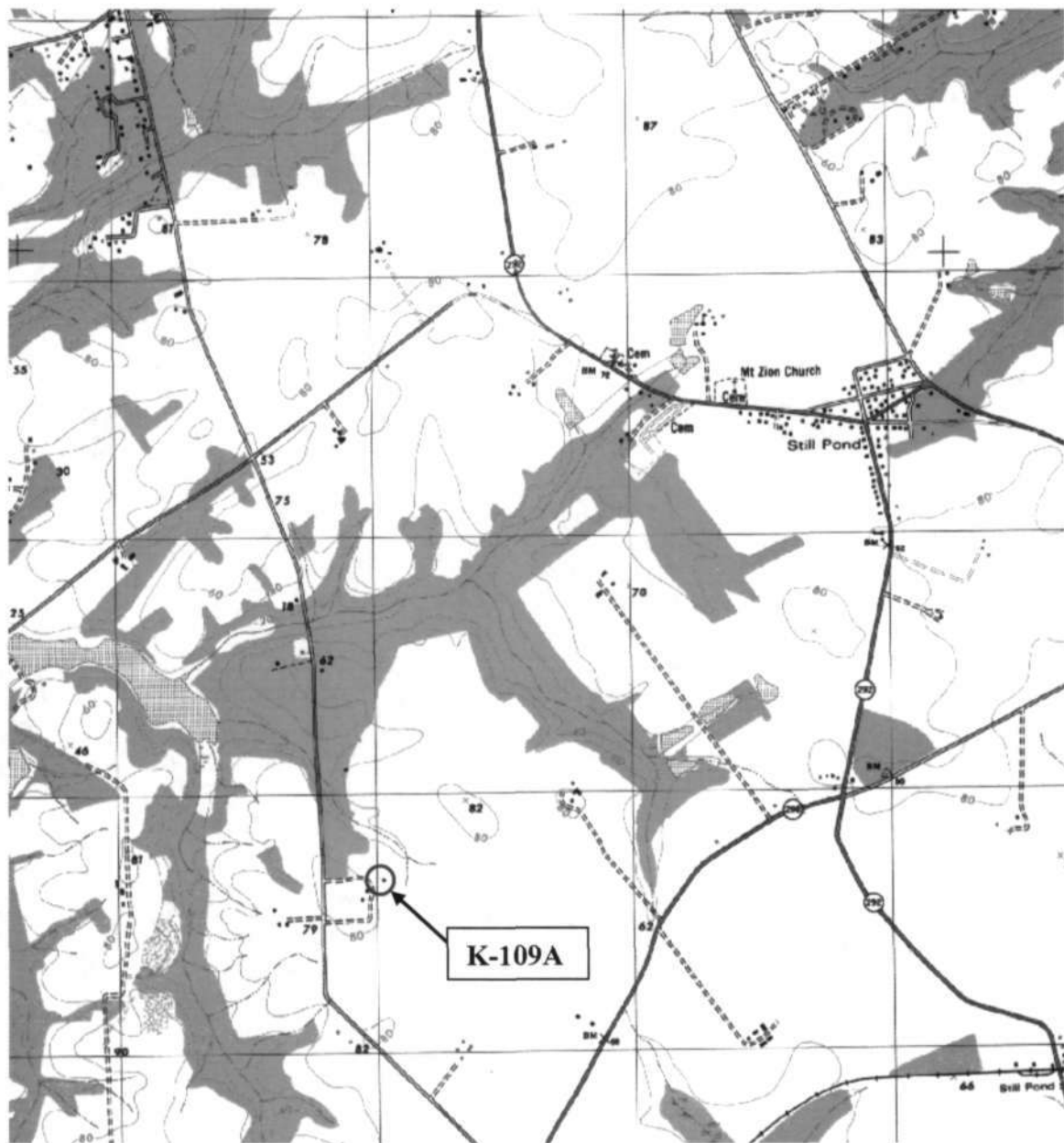
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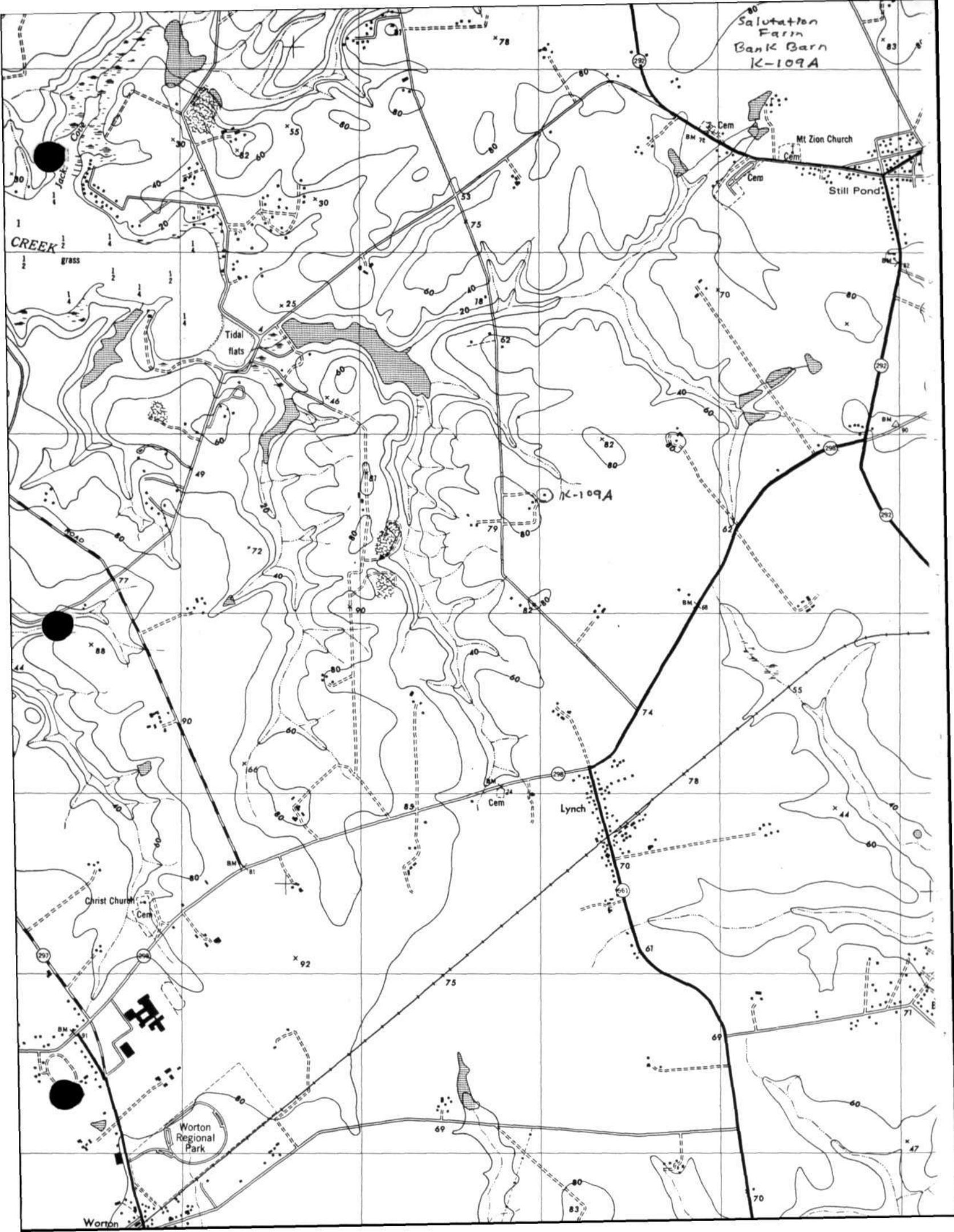


BANK BARN AT SALUTATION FARM (K-109A) STILL POND, MD. ←

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Salutation Farm Bank Barn  
(Nancy's Choice Barn)  
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